

the spirit of the gospel thru and thru.

The woman is devoting all her energy upon externals which are the mere shell of religion, while the boy is giving to the world the kernel itself.

The woman if she succeeds in making proselytes, will only make them worse than before, while the boy will leave a bit of warm sunshine with everyone who hears him.

The woman stands for law, but the boy stands for love. If heaven is to be peopled with those like the one and hell with those like the other, let me go with the boy and the baby.

"For up or down or east or west,
Heaven is found where men love best.
And love is manifested not in creeds
So much as in unselfish deeds"

However I have noticed that a handle is a good thing to a broom and that the dark side of the moon which we don't see is just as necessary to help hold things in balance as the bright side which we do see. What I mean is that while clothes don't make the man yet he would be in a pretty bad way without them; and while externals do not make religion yet the world is not yet spiritual enough to run on love without someone to keep poking up the fire.

Reconsidering the old woman and the boy mentioned above three truths assert themselves.

Reflection one. The woman with her erratic tracts is a miserable extremist, but that implies that just as far the other way from the center is another extreme. If you sit on one side of the "teeter board" and I sit on the other, and you move out toward the end, then I must move out too or the thing won't balance. This old woman is pretty close to one end, and with her are a lot of stern, selfish, stingy, strict old sinners who would send a man to perdition without a sigh if he were not baptized aright but yet themselves will not give a tenth of a title to help spread the gospel among the heathen, but on the other end are a lot of moralists who have no use for the church nor its forms. If those on one end should get off what would happen?

Reflection Two. The boy now knows only "sunshine in the soul" but if trained aright he will soon know the teaching of Jesus on many things. The mother's admonition to "be good" will have to be interpreted and applied many times daily as the child grows up. Alone it is not enough for a guide. The common morality is not enough to lift men. We need all the help of the life of Jesus, and all the help of the church with its forms and means of grace to keep the sunshine of childhood's innocence in the soul.

Reflection three. The balance lies between the two extremes. The normal Christian is not a formalist nor a moralist. He has faith but it is seen in works. He is true to the commandments about ordinances but he also exemplifies the virtues they teach. He is zealous for the truth but he brings no fire from heaven to consume others who work apart from him. He goes apart to pray but soon returns to help his neighbors. He testifies by words and also by works. His life is bound in symmetry by that bond of perfectness—love. Col. 3:14.

Our Cream Pitcher

Charles M. Sheldon

In every college there ought to be a chair of Humanity, and the best man that could be found ought to fill it, and into the classroom where such a man sat the students would go as into no other room. And out of it they would come, their eyes wet, and their hearts on fire to do and be as men and women in God's great world.

J. H. Barrons, D. D.

I look upon the Christian college as the chief saving force for the times ahead of us. Many of the problems which vex the anxious patriot can be solved only by the wisdom of experience. But this wisdom

must not be hard and heartless wisdom of the mere scientist who may have little regard for moral forces. It should be the wisdom of those who have faith and hope and love.

Francis L. Patton

A college education must be looked at apart from its bearing upon a man's success in making money, or his capacity for enjoyment, or his eligibility for refined society.

A man is superior to his environment. The life is more than meat, and the body than raiment. By so much as a man is educated is he realizing the possibilities of his selfhood. There is a profound and a very true philosophy in the advice that is sometimes given a man to make the most of himself. For this, apart from the pleasure that comes of it or the place it gives one in the world, is one's duty. Nor must it be forgotten that every man is part of a great social organism and that he owes duties to this organism. He should not be willing to be a leech and simply suck a living out of the community upon which he happens to fasten himself.

Wm. T. Herridge

There are few lessons more needful for us to learn than the lesson of fidelity, fidelity to duty, to the noblest instincts of our own nature, to the Father with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning, and to His Son, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever.

Peloubet

When a bell is cast, two moulds of sand are made, an inner and an outer, so arranged as to form between them precisely the shape desired for the bell. The metal is poured in, and then the moulds are broken. But that form is not destroyed, it is only fulfilled, and the bell rings out the good song of fulfillment.

New York Observer

"Come," is one of the sweetest words in the whole Bible. About us on every side are the weary, the brain tired, the discouraged, the heavily burdened, the sorrow worn, the perplexed and even the despairing. For all these rest is possible, but rest can be found only in one way, that is, by taking Christ's peace on Christ's terms, coming to him, learning of him, bearing his yoke of service with him. Thus shall be found rest for men's "souls." There in the soul rest is especially needed, since the most wearing and depressing of all kinds of tire is unrest of spirit, which comes of the harassing of a conscience not yet at peace with God. For all life proves the truth of the saying of the old Church Father: "Thou hast made the soul for thyself, O God, and it is forever restless until it rest in thee."

Alexander Maclaren

Remember that vision on the Mount of Transfiguration, and let it be ours, even in the glare of earthly joys and brightness, to lift up our eyes, like those wondering three, and see no man any more save Jesus only.

Communion Notices

Communion services will be held by the New Troy, Mich., Brethren church Saturday evening, June 16. The usual invitation is extended.

WM. H. MILLER, Pastor.

June 16, 17, is the time appointed to serve the Lord in the use of the ordinances of his church at West Independence, Ohio. Services on Thursday and Friday evenings preparatory. A general invitation is extended.

S. W. WILT, Pastor.

The members of the Summit Mills congregation expect to celebrate their semi annual love feast on Sunday evening, June 10. Cordial invitation to adjoining congregations is hereby extended.

JOHN H. KNEPPER, Pastor.

Matrimonial

WALTER—GRIFFITH.—United in holy matrimony by the undersigned, at the home of the bride, Meyersdale, Pa., May 23, 1900. Mr. Charles H. Walter and sister Minnie E. Griffith. Mr. Walter is a popular B. & O. R. R. employee, and Sister Griffith a highly esteemed young lady. The best wishes of their many friends in this new relation go with them. May the blessings of our heavenly Father be theirs, is our prayer.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Meyersdale, Pa.

National Conference

I second the suggestion of the Editor that it is high time that we hear something from the executive committee of National Conference as to the dates of its sessions and outlines of the work. The time for preparation is short enough now.

I notice in the Winona program a copy of which is before me, that the Bible Conference opens on Sunday, August 19, and closes on Wednesday 29. This throws us back into Thursday for organization and Friday for the first business session. It impresses me that that is a good time for us to begin; it affords time to present reports and appoint the necessary committees that the reports may suggest and then allow time to consult and consider the work calmly until the following week. This simply suggestive to set us thinking about the matter. The committee will know the better how to arrange the dates and sessions if there is some consensus of opinion given before hand.

Foreign mission work is pressing for recognition, and I would suggest to the executive committee to give it place on the program by calling for several papers on the subject. The question is, Will National Conference take the work in hand, effect its organization, assume its responsibility, or will those interested in the work be left to organize it in some other way? In some churches foreign mission work is conducted under separate organizations, recognized by the central bodies.

There should also be an extension of home mission work by way of looking after isolated members, some of them in favorable localities for the organization of permanent work. If there was some one assigned to issue a call for isolated members to report their situation and the prospects for permanent work in their respective localities, the probable amount of home support that could be expected it would make an interesting and profitable paper for conference.

The signs of the times, the hope of the church, the second coming of the Lord, are all subjects that ought to claim our consideration so as to arouse us to the true condition of things and our responsibility under them.

There is a great work for us to do. I simply make these suggestions that we may some how be stirred to do it, so that we may reap the reward promised to his faithful servants.

JACOB C. CASSEL.